It Comes to Topekans From Whisky Houses.

Clubbing Offers of Four Quarts

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#### AND SOME FOR ONLY \$1.90

He Who Invests Therein Is Not

Experiences of Victims of Christmas Pricelist Lure.

For the past ten days a large number of people in Topeka have been flooded with mail from the Kansas City and St. Louis and St. Joseph wholesale liquor houses soliciting their patronage for the Christmas holidays. And the flood will continue for ten days longer. These letters come from a dozen different houses, though they all read mostly the same.

They call attention to the healing properties and miraculous baim of about 20 different grades of whisky. wine and rum, and contain a price list quoting four to 20-year whisky at \$1.90 to \$2.90 a gallon. These are the burdens that a prohibition state must bear, until congress bars liquor importation from prohibitory states.

Any kind of whisky is a pestilence,

but the clubbing offer kind is a plague. Whisky at \$6 a gallon will put a man in jail or the hospital, but whisky at \$1.90 per gallon will put him in the

Some of the men who have patroniz-ed these wholesale houses tell strange stories of their experiences with bar-gain-counter goods.

One man who bought a case of "sunshine" gathered from the slopes of long ago, and paid for it at the rate of 40 cents a quart found, on close in vestigation, that the circular section of the bottom of each bottle had been cut out, the original bonded liquor removed, and a substitute inserted therein. Then the cut glass was replaced and cemented in such fashion that an he might expect from the price that he paid.

Another man with letters from three wholesalers in his hands and a pocket full of price lists went over to a drug-gist who had formerly bought more or less whisky, and asked him for expert testimony with prices on good, bad and indifferent whisky. According to this druggist good whisky sells at \$1.50 a quart, or \$6 a gallon. It is only a whisky that can night as cheaply as \$1.25 and \$1. The \$1.90 and \$2.90 per gallon goods advertised in all the metaphor and flowing phrases of the fancy press agent are trust for the three children. a delusion and a snare according to this druggist, who declared to his friend that it was cheap, new whisky and, therefore, expensive at any price. It has been estimated that 12,000 letters have been sent to Topeka people during the month of December by liquor houses from outside In every letter there is a special clubbing offer of one dozen brands of whisky, wine and cordial at

brands of whisky, wine and cordial at two something per gallon.

He who is deceived thereby is not wise. The temperance lecturer and the prohibitionist and the doctor have all joined to warn people generally not to drink liquors at all if they have any respect for their health or their wits. And they are right, but if, in spite of their warning, people will buy and drink whisky they had better stop and think a minute and consult their own common sense which would tell them they could not buy good whisky or old whisky at such ridiculously low prices as it is offered for in the catalog clubbing offer coming in by mail

log clubbing offer coming in by mail every day.

A Topeka man who received literature from seven different wholesale houses in seven days thought he was lucky. He looked up a calendar and found like Captain Brazenhead, he was born on the seventh day of the seventh month. Then he began to figure on his price list. He found that for an investment of \$10 he could buy four quarts of whisky old enough to vote, four quarts of Old Corn whisky a gallon or two of a famous Kentucky hrand, and another gallon from the Susquehanna valley, and another from the Coark regions of Missouri; also a quart of brandy, a quart of peach the Ozark regions of Missouri; also a quart of brandy, a quart of peach brandy, two or three kinds of California wines, gin from England, gin from Holland and "Hollands" from Spain—also a few quarts of Jamaica rum. The totals astonished him. He went to his druggist friend and found that the wholesale price on the average fair article of all this stuff would be about \$30. and that a good grade of fair article of all this stuff would be about \$30, and that a good grade of the same stuff would be \$45. He started to figure for the third time, and the third time was a charm. For he figured that the goods he was offered must be made from a cheap grade of vinegar, spiked with alcohol, and he thought, but he wasn't sure, that some of it might be spiked with lee, it being cheaper than alcohol. e, it being cheaper than alcohol.

nd he did not make the order.

A second man figured like a Solo-

and has no whisky, but he had a cling dream while it lasted. figured from a price list in his pos figured from a price list in his possession that he could buy whisky for nothing. He used the ratio system as per price list. For instance, this list advertised a whisky named after a famous sea captain for 60 cents per quart. If he bought four quarts, it was 55 cents a quart; if he bought six quarts, it was 50 cents a quart; if he bought 12 quarts, it was only 45 cents, and on a 40 quart order he would only have to pay 38 cents. So he went on down the list, and finally figured that if he bought 500 quarts, it would only cost him one cent a quart, following the hereinbefore referred to ratio system of the price list. He stopped there. He did not dare to go any further. And he threw the price list away and made no order at all.

Another man opened his mail and

Another man opened his mail and found therein a gaudily printed, hand-decorated parchment or diploma set-ting forth the fact that he was endecorated parchment or diploma setting forth the fact that he was entitled to a quart of the best whisky ever distilled since the Huguenots settled in South Carolina. This diploma, at first glance, looked like a commission as brigadier general or director of the affairs of the world's exposition. The man made himself ready to send his address by return mail in order to reap the profits of this quart of whisky. But he found printed in small type at the bottom that it would be necessary for 1/m to purchase five or six dollars worth of a certain brand of delirium tremens and lost jobs before he could get his quart of free whisky. And so it goes all the way down the line, glittering offers to spend Christmas money for wee and trouble and burned out stomachs and heavy heads.

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The liquor problem is as old as the race, and it will never be settled by telling people what they ought or ought not to do, but the wise man will throw his Christmas liquor litera-ture in the waste paper basket, and donate his \$2.90 as follows:

One dollar to the Provident associa-tion.

One dollar to the Elks' club Christ-

nas tree. Ninety cents to The Salvation Army.

#### Says Aged Recluse Had No Right to

Distribute Property.

Seattle. Wash., Dec. 14.—Mrs. Emilie Frederick Chittenden, a resident of this city, came forward today as a claimant for a half interest in the million dollar estate of Miss Octavia Frederick, an eccentric recluse, who was found dead recently in New York, the only inspection would fall to dis-dead recently in New York, the on This man is sore, but he got other occupants of her rooms being dozen half starved cats, pets of the dead woman

> After her death, a barber, Antony Oreickento, came forward with a will bequeathing Miss Frederick's estate-consisting of valuable New York real estate to him. but Mrs. Chittenden as-serts that Miss Frederick, who was her sister, had no right to dispose of

Mrs. Chittenden claims the estate for herself and her brother, Alfonse Frederick, of Los Angeles, on the ground that the property was left by their parents with the elder sister in trust for the three children. Mrs. Chit-tenden left today for New York to

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ed for his gift of splendid | Pa., sent two of u

Weekly Bank Statement.

New York, Dec. 14.—The statement of the actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows that they hold \$8,074,650 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is an increase of \$5,050,450 from last week. The statement follows:

Actual condition:

1.cans 1.839,325,000 \*\$7,735,000

Specie 296,526,000 2,275,000

Legal tender 25,536,000 12,750,000

Trust companies: Cash reserve
in vault. 59,473,000
Aggregate cash reserve 579,107,000
Excess lawful reserve 8,074,650 5,069,450
Trust companies: Reserve with clearing
house members carrying 25 per cent cash
reserve, \$45,880,000.
Summary of state banks and trust companies in Greater New York not included
in clearing house statement. in clearing house statement:
Loans \$572,323,300 \*\$7.011,700
Specie 61,198,000 \*6,432,700
Legal tender 8,228,000 \*118,600
Total deposits 613,700,600 \*7,254,000 in clearing house statement:

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Their Cleveland Letters on File in U. S. Dist. Atty. Office.

They Are Savage Enough to Curdle the Blood.

The office of the United States attorney received a valuable and unique addition to its legal library this morn-ing. The federal attorney at Cleveland, O. sent Major Harvey a copy of the indictment issued against a wild set of Italians, members of the Black Hand society, now sojourning in the federal pen at Leavenworth. Major Harvey pen at Leavenworth. pen at Leavenworth. Major Platter expects to use the indictment as reference in habeas corpus cases. Meanwhile, it furnishes a vivid and startling example of the threats issued by the Mafia, or "Devil's Hand."

The letters are written in Italian, photographs of which are given in the copy. They affectionately begin, 'Dearest Friend," and are signed "The Human Butcher." The first set are addressed to John Amicon, a countryman who had prospered, and read somewhat as follows:

"Last week our band at Pittsburg. Pa., sent two of us to Columbia and put dynamite behind your door accompanied by letters in which you were notified by our band to pay \$10.000, which, for your firm, are only a hair of your head. In case you refuse, we will give you a taste of our dagger. We have decided by lot and the two chosen must kill you, if in the midst of a thousand police. We have killed kings, emperors and presidents. The money or the life. Woe if you

Amicon at first paid no attention to the letters, then delivered them to the police. "If you are deaf, miserable that you are," wrote the Mafia, curtly, "we will eat your heart in a few days." Other wealthy Italians in Cleveland.

Ignazio Camella and George Pash among them, received similar threats. among them, received similar threats.
Several of them were assassinated before the police could interfere. The forthcoming investigation resulted in the imprisonment of Salvatore Lima, Antonio Lima, Guiseppe Ignoffs and others. Major Harvey considers the letters

a valuable addition to his copies of interesting cases.

### **COURT STARTS TROUBLE**

Decision in Harriman Merger Gives Market Off Week.

New York, Dec. 14.-The stock market passed through a troubled week. in the course of which quotations were

With the easing of the tension abroad growing out of the Balkan war the in-fluence of foreign markets was less pronounced, and London was reported to have bought liberally in this

### JURORS PLAY CARDS.

Judge Censures and Discharges Them as Result.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 14.-Ten men and two women composing a jury in Judge J. L. Ronald's department of the superior court, were severely rebuked because they played cards while considering a verdict in a minor crimi-

The court's attention was called to their action by a bailiff who listened at the keyhole. This is what the bailheard:

"If you had played spades that time you would have taken the trick; give me the cards; it's my deal; here, the cards and cut out the conversa-When the jurors reported their ina

bility to agree, Judge Ronald said:
"If you had arrived at a verdict it would not have been worth the pape it was written on. This jury is dis-charged from further service in this

### **BIGGEST JOKE OF AGE.**

John Kenrdick Bangs Says T. R. Holds the Record.

Chicago, Dec. 14 .- John Kendrick Bangs, the humorist, is going to the pyramids of Egypt to get a new joke. It will be the newest and funniest joke in the world, because it will be the

This promise was made by the writer and lecturer at the Blackstone hotel where he stopped for a day on his way to the east.

"There are no new jokes and never will be," declared Mr. Bangs, "The great task of the modern humorist is to dig up jokes that are so old that they are new. Europe and America years ago gave up their supply, and now it is necessary to go elsewhere. "The funniest thing in the world?" he repeated in reply to the question. "Theodore Roosevelt," he answered without hesitation. "Roosevelt is the createst joke of the century perpetra-

### AN AGE OF DOUBT.

Evangelist Brooks Says Infidelity Is Great Sin Now.

The Brooks-Lewis revival at the bought down nearly to the low level of the year by unusually heavy selling. The decline which began on Monday of last week, with the rendition of the Harriman merger decision by the substance of the decline which began on the subject, who formerly lived on Winfield avenue. What Think Ye of Christ?" It was a dinner guest Wednesday at the C. Harriman merger decision by the substance of the divinity of Christ. Mr. Brooks declared that infidelity is the Brooks. Third Christian church continues with

The decline with the rendition of the rendition of the rendition of the subject. What Think Ye of Christ, Mr. Thompson family have moved memorized by liquidation on an enormous scale. Union Pacific was the especial object of a relation of the theorem of the rendition of the subject. When the property of the color special object of a relation of the color of the color

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Mrs. J. W. Armstrong has returned to her home in Chanute, after spending the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Williams, and family.

The Standard Bearers' class of the Oakland M. E. church met last Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Clyde Slawson at her home on Sumner street. The following ladies were present: Mrs. W. L. Hutson, Mrs. Ira Hawver, Mrs. W. L. Hutson, Mrs. G. H. Ensign, Mrs. J. M. Jones, Mrs. F. E. Carter, Mrs. A. T. Allison and Mrs. Slawson. The ladies appointed the following committees: Entertainment committee, Mrs. W. L. Hutson, Mrs. Ira Hawver and Mrs. Lou McCarmick; visiting committee, Mrs. Clyde Slawson, Mrs. Roy Betts, Mrs. D. Knight; work committee, Mrs. Clyde Slawson, Mrs. Roy Betts, Mrs. D. Knight; work committee, Mrs. H. V. Clayton, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Robert Butler. Mrs. Belie Lerry was elected superintendent of the class home department, and Mrs. S. E. Cartar class secretary.

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Mrs. W. L. Hamill of Wabash avenue, who has been ill the past few weeks, is slowly improving.

Mrs. Ella Hardy of Trenton, Mo., and Mrs. John Holmes of Topeka were dinner guests Friday at the C. R. Cole home.

Miss Mary Shuler entertained the L. F. club of the Oakland M. E. church Sunday school last evening at her home, 20th Chester avenue The following members were present: Miss Ruth Parr, Miss Beulah Hall, Mrs. Bessie Gallaway, Miss Elizabeth Bannon, Mrs. Middred Koser, Miss Aileen Peak, Miss Ethel Nagel, Miss Elizabeth Bannon, Mrs. Warner, teacher, Miss Harding and Mrs. Parr were guests. The next meeting will be held with Miss Ruth Parr.

Scout Commissioner J. H. Fazet wishes all Boy Scouts who have bugles or are able to get one to use temporarily to meet this evening at the Central Y. M. C. A. at 8 o'clock to practice.

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Miss Verna King of Chanute, who has been visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Williams, the past week, has been seriously ill but is now alightly improved.

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